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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
HIROTO KIKUCHI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: KOSAR, A. J.
SERIAL NO: 10/516,307 :
FILED: DECEMBER 10, 2004 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1609
FOR: PROCESS FOR FURIFICATION OF :
DIFRUCTOSE DIANHYDRIDE III

RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed March 20, 2007, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group VI: Claims 30-33, drawn to a process of purifying a <70% pure DFA III solution by the action of yeast, defecation-filtration, and/or chromatography.

Applicants request that the Examiner expand the search to the non-elected claims of Groups I to V, VII and VIII, if the elected Group VI claims are found allowable.

Your attention is directed to the fact that active Claim 29 has not been included in any of the eight groups listed in the March 20, 2007 Office Action. However, since Claim 29 is dependent on Claim 24 (a member of Group V), Applicants regard it as being a claim of Group V.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.